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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Reunification Procedures for Unaccompanied Alien Children.

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Description: Following the passage of the 2002 Homeland Security Act (Pub. L. 107-296), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), is charged with the care and placement of unaccompanied alien children in Federal custody, and implementing a policy for the release of these children, when appropriate, upon the request of suitable sponsors while awaiting immigration proceedings. In order for ORR to make determinations regarding the release of these children, the potential sponsors must meet certain conditions pursuant to section 462 of the Homeland Security Act and the Flores v. Reno Settlement Agreement No. CV85 4544-RJK (C.D. Cal. 1997).

The proposed information collection requests information to be utilized by ORR for determining the suitability of a sponsor/respondent for the release of a minor from ORR custody. The proposed instruments are the Family Reunification Application, the Family Reunification Checklist for Sponsors, and the Authorization for Release of Information.

Respondents: Sponsors requesting release of unaccompanied alien children to their custody.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Family Reunification Application	55,200	1	.25	13,800
Family Reunification Checklist for Sponsors	55,200	1	.75	41,400
Authorization for Release of Information	55,200	1	.25	13,800

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

69,000

#### Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

#### OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

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